Collaboration with Fujitsu to improve Telephone System

2331. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: '
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL; Will the Minister Ox COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the .Electronics Department will collaborate with Fujitsu to improve the telephone system in India; and

(b) whether Fujitsu technology is likely to connect the far-flung rural telephones with the national network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA).: (a) The Department of Telecommunications does not collaborate with any supplier, like Fujitsu to improve the Telecom, system

(b) At present there are no schemes using Fujitsu equipment for rural network.

Review of Drug Policy

2332. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviewing the Drug Policy; and

(b) if so, whether the revised drug policy would ensure easy availability of medicines, especially the life saving drugs, all over the country at a reasonable cost?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major objective of the policy would be to ensure abundant availability of medicines, especially. the essential/life saving ones, at fair and reasonable prices.

Industries set up by NRI's

2333. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding non Resident Indians who are willing to set up industries in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

what is the number of nonresident Indians who have set UP m~ dustries in India during the last three years, State-wise, and the type of industries set up; and

(d) what incentives are being given to the non-Resident Indians to set up industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MODH. KHAN): (a) and (b) No such survey has been done by the Government. However, seminars/ workshops are organised occasionally by various agencies.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

(d) Varioup incentives giv.'en include, equity participation with repatriation rights upto 40 per cent in all industries and upto 74 per cent in priority industries; liberalised imports of capital goods, raw materials, components and consumables as announced in the Import Policy from time to time, etc.

Statement

Since the setting up of Special Approval Committee for dealing with applications from non-resident Indians in November, 1983, 94 schemes have been approved till the end of June, 1985 by way of issue of letters of intent/letters of permission for the setting up of industries by nonresident Indians. These cover industries like sponge iron, mild and alloy steel rolled products, equipments for

optimisation of energy conservation, agricultural transportation machines, pressure die castings, aluminium alloy 'ingots, TV picture tubes, telephone instruments, EPABX, telephone answering machines, electronic typewriters, storage batteries, ultrasonic scanners, newsprint, tyres an^ tubes, plastic ophthalmic lenses, etc. The State-wise break-up is as follows: —

Andhra Pradesh	14
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
Delhi	3
Gujarat	11
Goa, Daman & Diu	1
Haryana	11
Himachal Pradesh	2
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Karnataka	4
Maharashtra	13
Madhya Pradesh	3
Orissa	2
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	9
Uttar Pradesh	13
West Bengal	1
TOTAL	94

Technical collaboration of a US Multi-national with Hindustan Thoto Films

2334. SHKI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that a multinational company of the United States has offered to enter into technical collaboration with Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) for the produc-1 tion of X-Ray and graphic films; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a), Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Dupont of USA have offered to provide HPF with Dupont's proprietary engineering and design technology for the construction of a modern coater facility for the manufacture of medical X-ray, industrial X-ray and graphic arts films in India. The offer includes not only provision of engineering know-how, but also formulation know-how process know-how etc., apart from supply of certain proprietary equipment.

Seminar on Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2335. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recommend/ations of the Seminar 'Bhopal Gas Tragedy' recently held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the main recom mendation to set up a statutory body on safety standards has been considered by Government;

(c), whether there is any proposal to set up such a body; and

(d) whether Government also propose to issue a white paper on ! Bhopal Gas victims? THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) No information has been received by Government on the holding of such